

TREATMENT PROTOCOL: DECOMPRESSION EMERGENCY

1. Basic airway
2. Spinal immobilization prn
3. Oxygen via non-rebreather mask at 15L/min or greater/pulse oximetry
DO NOT use oxygen powered breathing devices (i.e., CPAP) on these patients
4. Advanced airway prn
5. Cardiac monitor: document rhythm and attach ECG strip if dysrhythmia identified
6. Venous access prn
7. If hypotensive,
Normal Saline fluid challenge
10ml/kg IV with reassessment at 250ml increments
8. **ESTABLISH BASE CONTACT**
9. If hypotension unresponsive to fluid challenge:
Dopamine ①
400mg/500ml NS IVPB
Start at 30mcgts/min titrate to SBP 90-100mmHg and signs of adequate perfusion or to a maximum of 120mcgts/min
10. If active seizure (may include tonic and/or clonic activity or focal seizure with altered level of consciousness):
Midazolam
2-5mg slow IV push, titrate to control seizure activity
5mg IN or IM if unable to obtain venous access
May repeat one time in 5min, maximum total adult dose 10mg all routes
11. Consider hypothermia
12. Base hospital shall contact the Medical Alert Center for on-call physician and patient destination

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- ① If available.
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